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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address - The amendment document filed on 29 December 2004 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

1. Amendments to the specification: A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. C. Other 2. Abstract: A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72. □ B. Other . 3. Amendments to the drawings: A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet." "New Sheet." or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required. C. Other □ 4. Amendments to the claims: A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present. □ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim. number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended). D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order. □ E. Other: The text added to claim 56 by the amendment is not underlined.

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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Claim 56 has been amended (see the second paragraph of the Remarks section

of the Amendment dated 12/29/05), however the claim does not have the proper status

identifier, and the newly added text has not been underlined.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to John A. McPherson whose telephone number is (571)

272-1386. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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